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**Subject:** Courtesy copies of letters sent to Oklahoma Tribes with potential historical interest in the Black Hills  
**Attachments:** PoncaEPALetterInformalConsult.pdf; KiowaEPALetterInformalConsult.pdf; CheyenneArapahoEPALetterInformalConsult.pdf; ApacheEPALetterInformalConsult.pdf; OKTribesLetterEnclosuresFigures1-4.pdf; OKTribesLetterEnclosuresFigure5.pdf; DeweyBurdockBackgroundInformation.pdf; ListofTribes.pdf

Hello All,

This week we are mailing the attached letters to these four Oklahoma Tribes:

The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma

Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

The purpose of the letter is to offer the opportunity for *informal* consultation on the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery site located in the southern Black Hills. We are contacting these Tribes based in information I have found indicating the Tribe has had historical interest in the Black Hills. The Apache Tribe is included because the Kiowa-Apaches have historical interest in the Black Hills and The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma includes the Kiowa-Apaches.

The reason we are mailing invitation letter for *informal* consultation is because we have already had a series of informal consultation meetings with interested Region 8 Tribes and two Tribes in Nebraska, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and the Santee Sioux Tribe. These meetings have been helpful for building relationships with Tribal environmental directors and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and hearing detailed info from the Tribes about issues of concern prior to moving on to formal consultation. We want to offer the four Oklahoma Tribes the same opportunity to have informal "inform and educate" meetings with us before we send out our invitations for formal consultation.

Please give me a call or send me an email if you have any questions or have any suggestions for moving forward with our Tribal Consultation process. We will continue our communication with you as we move forward with this process.

Thanks!

*Valois*

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